

VUS 15- CONTEMPORARY AMERICA

ALL ROADS LEAD HERE...



THE SUPREME COURT

DECISIONS AND IMPACT



SUPREME COURT MEMBERSHIP

- NOW INCLUDES WOMEN-SANDRA
DAY O' CONNOR, RUTH BADER
GINSBURG, SONIA SOTOMAYOR
- INCLUDES MINORITIES-CLARENCE
THOMAS

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

- THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENTS IN 40' s, 50' S AND 60' S-PROVIDED A MODEL THAT OTHER GROUPS HAVE USED TO EXTEND CIVIL RIGHTS AND PROMOTE EQUAL JUSTICE RO EVERYONE
- THE SUPREME COURT HAS AIDED IN THIS

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

- EXPANDED AND PROTECTED INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS ENUMERATED (LISTED) IN THE CONSTITUTION
- IDENTIFIES A CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS FOR A RIGHT TO PRIVACY THAT IS PROTECTED FROM GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE.
- INVALIDATES ACTS THAT EXCEED THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BY THE CONSTITUTION

IMMIGRATION

CONTRIBUTIONS AND ISSUES



IMMIGRATION

- IMMIGRATION HAS INCREASED FROM MANY DIFFERENT COUNTRIES- ESPECIALLY-ASIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES
- IMMIGRANTS STILL COME HERE FOR POLITICAL FREEDOM AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

ISSUES RELATED TO IMMIGRATION POLICY

- STRAIN ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES
- FILLING LOW PAYING JOBS
- BORDER ISSUES
- PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP
- BILINGUAL EDUCATION-ESL CLASSES
- INCREASING CULTURAL DIVERSITY

CONTRIBUTIONS OF IMMIGRANTS

- DIVERSITY IN MUSIC, VISUAL ARTS, AND LITERATURE
- ROLES IN THE LABOR FORCE
- ACHIEVEMENTS IN SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND OTHER FIELDS


SPACE PROGRAM



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- KENNEDY STARTED IT
- HAMPTON ROADS PLAYED A LARGE PART IN THIS PROGRAM
- 1ST MAN TO ORBIT EARTH-JOHN GLENN
- 1ST MAN TO WALK ON MOON-NEIL ARMSTRONG- “ONE SMALL STEP FOR MAN-ONE GIANT LEAP FOR MANKIND”

SPACE EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES

- SPACE SHUTTLE
 - MARS ROVER
 - VOYAGER MISSIONS
 - HUBBLE TELESCOPE
 - ROBOTICS
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COMMUNICATIONS- TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES

- SATELLITE
- GPS-GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEMS
- PERSONAL COMMUNICATION
DEVICES

TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES-"THE WORLD IS SHRINKING"

- CABLE TV
- 24 HOURS NEWS
- PC' S
- MACS
- INTERNET
- CELL PHONES
- BLACKBERRIES
- IPODS
- I ANYTHING

CHANGES IN WORK , SCHOOL, HEALTH CARE

- TELECOMMUTING
- ON-LINE COURSES
- GROWTH OF SERVICE INDUSTRIES
- MEDICAL RESEARCH-DIAGNOSTIC
ANAD IMAGING TECHNOLOGIES-EX.
DNA TESTING, MRI' S ETC. EX. SALK-
POLIO VACCINE
- OUTSOURCING AND OFF-SHORING

RUSTBELT-AREAS WHERE MANUFACTURING JOBS LEFT FIRST



COUNTERCULTURE

AGAINST THE NORM



COUNTER-CULTURE

- 1960' S-PEOPLE OPPOSED TO MATERIALISM AND MAINSTREAM CULTURE
- 1967-MANY MOVED TO SAN FRANCISCO, CA-HAIGHT ASBURY
- KNOWN AS HIPPIES
- COUNTER CULTURE INTEREST IN EASTERN RELIGIONS AND DRUG USE THREATENED THE AMERICAN DREAM –AGAINST THE NORM

REAGAN REVOLUTION

REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



REAGAN AND REPUBLICANS ADVOCATED FOR

- STRENGTHENED THE MILITARY
- TAX CUTS
- APPONTMENT OF JUDGES/JUSTICES WHO PRACTICED “JUDICIAL RESTRAINT”
- REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF GOV’ T PROGRAMS
- TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO STATE GOVERNMENTS

REAGAN REVOLUTION CONTINUES...

- ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W.BUSH AS PRESIDENT-1989
- CLINTON
- REPUBLICAN SWEEP OF CONGRESS IN THE 1990' S
- ELECTION OF GEORGE W. BUSH IN 2000

GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

THE ECONOMY



GOVERNMENT PROMOTES A HEALTHY ECONOMY THROUGH THE FOLLOWING:

- FEDERAL RESERVE –CONTROLS MONEY SUPPLY AND CREDIT TO EXPAND OR CONTRACT ECONOMIC GROWTH
- PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS DETERMINE LEVELS OF TAXATION AND SPENDING

U.S. RESPONSES TO TERRORISM



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- HEIGHTENED SECURITY AT HOME-
(PATRIOT ACT), THREAT LEVELS,
INCREASED SECURITY AT CERTAIN
CHECKPOINTS
- DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY
INITIATIVES-ALLIANCES AND 2 WARS